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Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

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Title: LIQUID-CRYSTAL MEDIUM, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DISPLAY
CONTAINING THE LIQUID-CRYSTAL MEDIUM

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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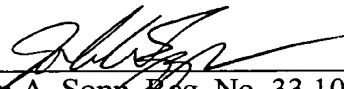
This Response is submitted supplemental to the Reply After Final Rejection filed on September 22, 2003.

That Reply referred to a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 but the declaration had not been completed yet and the Reply was inadvertently filed without the declaration. The omission was discussed with the Examiner, Mr. Wu, on September 26, 2003, and a copy of the since-executed declaration is attached hereto. The comments made in the Reply of September 22 regarding the declaration are fully applicable.

Favorable action in accordance with the previously filed Reply is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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